

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Thaler, M.H.
Attorney Docket Number	760-19 RCE II

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REQUEST FOR RCE
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12/2/03

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment & Amendment Trans. Ltr

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 12/08/2003 AMONDAF1 00000072 09723852

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801

770.00 OP

iii. ☒ Other Any Additional Fees 02 FC:1201

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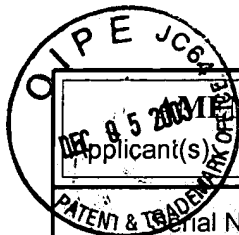
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Applicant(s)	Serial No. 09/723,852	Filing Date 11/28/00	Examiner Thaler, M.H.
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Invention: **COMPOSITE TUBULAR PROTHESES**

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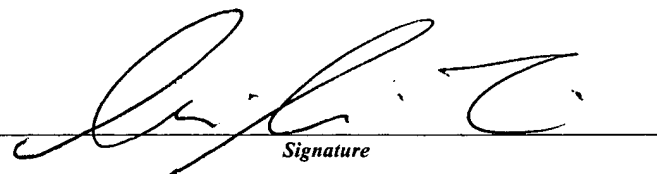
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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INDEP. CLAIMS	8 -	4 =	4 x	\$86.00	\$344.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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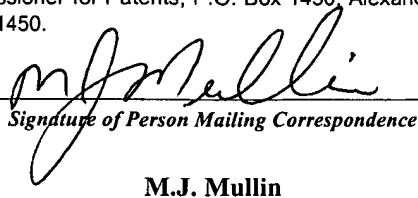

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